(9) Was that Medical Officer subsequently transferred to the Arumana Dispensary on account of complaints against him from the people of Kulasekharam? If so, when was it? For how many days did he work in that dispensary? Will the Government be pleased to state the reasons therefor?

(10) Will the Government be pleased to enquire into the reasons for retaining the same officer for such a long time in the same place even after the receipt of complaints against him from the inhabitants of the locality?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) Yes.

(2) Yes.

(3) 12th Chingam 1083.

(4) He was transferred, but not on account of complaints received against him.

(5) 5th Chingam 1095.

(6) For 15 days, after which he went on leave.

(7) On his return from leave, he was posted to Kulasekharam.

(8) There are no records to show why he was posted to Kulasekharam on his return from leave.

(9) He was posted temporarily to Arumana not on account of complaints against him. It was on 4-6-1924. He worked at Arumana for 15 days. The officer in charge of the Arumana Dispensary had to be relieved urgently owing to ill-health.

(10) There were no complaints against the officer and as such there was no reason to transfer him from the station on that ground.

Statistics of cases of Breach of Contract in the Kottar Stationary Magistrate's Court.

255. **MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to furnish a statement giving the following particulars relating to the Kottar Stationary Magistrate's Court:—

(*a*) the total number of cases under breach of contract for personal service, *i. e.*, supply of coolies to the estates, and failure thereof, for the years 1099, 1100 and 1101:—

(*b*) the cause of the failure to supply coolies by the *kanganees*; and

(*c*) the amount of forfeiture of money or the instances of committing the accuseds to imprisonment for failure to supply coolies and to pay the security amount for the years 1099, 1100 and 1101, respectively?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The total number of cases under the Breach of Contract Regulation for the years 1099 to 1101 is as follows:—

Year.	*Number*
1099	39
1100	27
1101	40

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[Mr. K. George.]

(*b*) The probable cause for the failure to supply coolies as gatherable from the statements given by the accused is that they were prevented by sickness from performing their contracts.

(*c*) There was no forfeiture of money involved in any of the cases and imprisonment was awarded to the accused in one case only.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know whether the coolies referred to in the answer are those who are working in the estate inside the State or outside the State?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Presumably, inside the State.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know from the Government if they have any control over the conditions obtaining in such estates affecting the health of the coolies?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I am not sure whether there is any control at present.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know the reason for their sickness referred to in the answer to part (*b*)?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government have made no enquiries as to the reason for their sickness.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Are not the Government expected to vouchsafe for these poor coolies who are taken to the estates security in regard to the conditions affecting their health?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I think it has not been proved that the conditions of the coolies in the estate are unsatisfactory.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): The answer to part (*b*) shows that by virtue of their sickness contracts are not fulfilled.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Hospitals and dispensaries are provided for those who fall sick.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know whether such hospitals exist in these estates?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I think most of these estates have hospitals. I cannot guarantee that there are hospitals in all these estates.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Are such hospitals periodically inspected?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): If such hospitals are dispensaries in receipt of grant-in-aid, the Inspecting Medical Officer inspects them.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Is there any such instance of hospitals belonging to such estates?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. In Peermade, I think, there are estates receiving grants-in-aid from the Government.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to require the managers of those estates which are not provided with hospitals to provide them with hospitals?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not know whether the Government have any power at present to make such a demand.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Is there any prohibition implied or expressed to call on agents or managers of such estates to provide such hospitals?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I think that when there is no legal enactment empowering the Government in that matter they have no right to enforce it.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Since the Government are also a party to secure the fulfilment of contracts, as courts take cognisance of such cases, do not the Government think that by virtue of that position on the part of the Government that the coolies should be vouchsafed all facilities with regard to their conditions in the estate?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government are not a party. The magistracy enquire into the cases for which there is a statute.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Do not the Government think there is a necessity to control the estates particularly with reference to the conditions of the health of the coolies in such estates?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I am not in a position to answer that question at present.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to enquire into the matter so as to see whether the conditions of health of the labourers in the estate are of such a serious nature as would demand the attention of the Government?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

Co-operative Department and Tamilians.

256. **MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they received any applications from the Tamilians for the post of Inspectors in the Co-operative Department; and

(*b*) if so, whether they will give them preferential treatment according to the circular recently issued?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Six applications have been received from Tamilians for the posts of Inspectors of Co-operative Societies. These applications were received between May and November 1926.

(*b*) The applicants will receive the same treatment as others. It is not clear which circular the member refers to.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Is there not a circular recently issued by the Government to the effect that in places predominently populated by Christians or Tamilians, Co-operative Inspectors belonging to those communities should be appointed?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It may not be in the way in which the member puts it.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know the nature of the form in which the circular is issued?

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